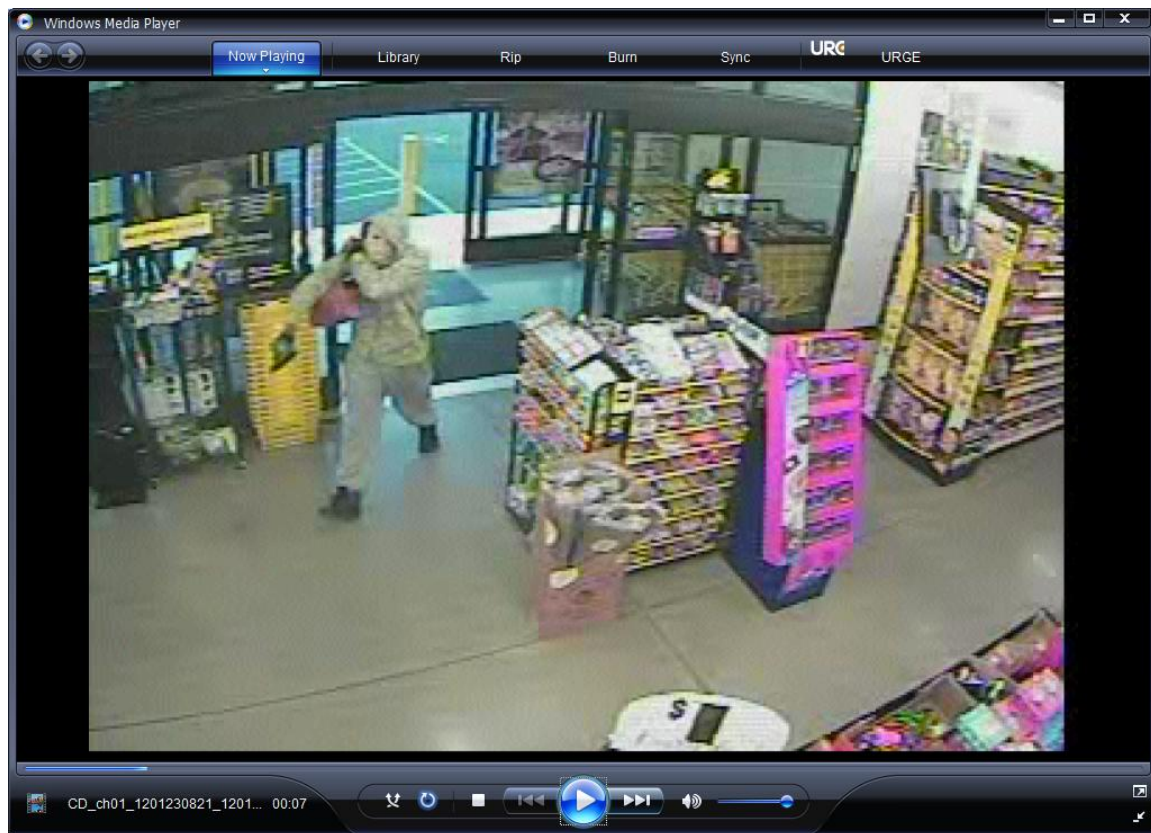# MEDIA RELEASE

** Police investigate Armed Robbery at Dollar General **

[Hopewell, VA] – On January 23, 2011 at approximately 8:20am, officers responded to the Dollar General Store located in the 3500 block of Oaklawn Blvd. for a reported armed robbery that had just occurred. The investigation revealed that the lone offender entered the business, brandished a dark-colored handgun and robbed the business of an undisclosed amount of currency prior to fleeing the business on foot. A K-9 track was conducted; however, the offender was unable to be located. No persons were harmed during the incident.

The offender is described as a black male, 5'9"-5'11", 160-180 pounds, with a medium build. He was last seen wearing a light in color full-face covering, a light-green in color patterned hooded jacket over a black t-shirt, grey in color sweatpants, dark in color sneakers and gloves. The offender also was observed in possession of a dark-colored handgun and a beige in color handbag.

Security cameras installed at the business captured a digital image of the offender (see attached).

The Hopewell Police Department's Criminal Investigations Unit continues to investigate this matter and is requesting that any person(s) who may have been traveling in and around the area of this incident and observed any suspicious person(s) matching the above description contact lead Detective Keith Krueger of the Hopewell Police Department at (804) 541-2284. Additionally, any person(s) who have information on this or any other crime occurring in the City of Hopewell may contact the Hopewell/Prince George Crime Solvers at 541-2202. You can also text-a-tip anonymously. Simply add "274637 (CRIMES)" to your Contacts list on your cellular phone and then text "igotcha" along with your message/tip. You will then be provided an ID number that you will use when checking the status of your tip OR picking up your reward.

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